

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Twelfth Norfolk Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of Twelfth Norfolk Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (372) of these admissions reside in the Twelfth Norfolk Representative District. 8% (29) of admissions from the Twelfth Norfolk Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Twelfth Norfolk Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 72% were male and 28% were female.
- 55% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 90% were white non-Latino, 4% were black non-Latino, 3% were Latino, and 3% were other racial categories.
- 63% were never married, 14% were married, and 23% reported not to be married now.
- 23% had less than high school education, 47% completed high school, and 30% had more than high school education.
- 39% were employed.
- 5% were homeless.
- 29% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Twelfth Norfolk Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	55%	26%	8%	1%	2%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, including the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's) are individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003</b>							
<b>Twelfth Norfolk Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	334	282	73	82	46	58	45
<b>FY '96</b>	342	295	92	74	34	61	39
<b>FY '97</b>	402	356	109	81	34	58	38
<b>FY '98</b>	375	320	96	87	43	68	42
<b>FY '99</b>	351	305	85	76	39	48	38
<b>FY '00</b>	302	251	66	59	32	59	39
<b>FY '01</b>	361	280	95	75	23	88	62
<b>FY '02</b>	336	264	93	75	26	99	63
<b>FY '03</b>	372	278	98	77	30	108	84